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July 29th, 1946.

MISS HARBORD AND GENTLEMEN.

The Annual Report for 1945 is prepared on the lines of that for 1944 as indicated in Circular 49/45 dated 19th March, 1945.

The Sunshine for the year was 1446.6 hours as compared with 1452.6 hours in 1944; the Rainfall 21.15 inches as compared with 25.89 inches in 1944.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	1,148
Population	...	...	...	3,658
Rateable Value	...	...	...	£32,938
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	£105
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	1,236

This being the last War Year there was practically no season.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total.	M.	F	
Live Births ...	68	41	27	Rate per 1,000 population 18.58
(Legitimate) ...	57	35	22.	
(Illegitimate)...	11	6	5.	

Still Births ... Nil.

Deaths ... 67 29 38 Rate per 1,000 population 18.31

Deaths from Puerperal Causes, Nil.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age, 3.

Death Rate " " " per 1,000 Live & Still Births 44.11

Death Rate " " Legitimate " " " 44.11

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 9.

Deaths from Measles ... 0.

Deaths from Whooping-cough 1.

Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2) 1.

The Infantile Mortality is 44.11 per 1,000 Live Births as compared with 46 for England and Wales.

Deaths from Diarrhœa is 14.7 per 1,000 Live Births as compared with 5.6 for England and Wales.

The Population given by the Registrar-General is 3,658 as compared with 3,463 in 1944.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1945.

	M.	F.
4. Whooping-cough		1
6. Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	
8. Syphilitic diseases	1	
13. Cancer of uterus		2
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum		2
15. Cancer of breast		1
16. Cancer of all other sites	2	2
18. Intracranial vascular lesions	5	5
19. Heart disease	10	10
20. Other diseases of circulatory system		1
21. Bronchitis		3
22. Pneumonia	3	4
23. Other respiratory diseases		1
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum		1
25. Diarrhœa, under 2 years		1
27. Other digestive diseases		1
28. Nephritis	2	
32. Congenital mal. birth injury infant disease		1
35. Suicide		1
35. Other violent causes	1	
36. All other causes	4	1
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SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

1. (i) Medical Officer of Health (part time) :
R. C. M. COLVIN-SMITH, M.B., B.C., B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Surveyor, Sanitary Inspector and Water Works Engineer :
J. A. HAIGH, F.F.A.S., A.M.I.S.E., Cert. R. San. Inst.
- (ii) (a) Laboratory Facilities. Now given by the Emergency Public Health. Laboratory Service, City Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich.
- (b) Ambulance Facilities. Surveyor reports that the Ambulance for the removal of infectious disease cases is now rather shaky, and the Council will, in the near future, have to consider the provision of a new vehicle.
- (c) Nursing in the home. No change.
- (d) Treatment Centres and Clinic. No change.
- (e) HOSPITALS. PUBLIC : Isolation Hospital, North East Norfolk Joint Isolation Hospital at Roughton to which cases are sent.

VOLUNTARY : Cromer and District, 41 beds.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water (i) The Water supply from Metton and Roughton Road pumping stations is satisfactory, but it is still impossible to filter the water supplied. I agree with the suggestion that consideration should be given to the question of providing Chlorination plant at the Roughton Road Pumping Station.

The supply in the Council's Water supply area was sufficient and no shortage was experienced.

- (ii) I consider that the water should be tested chemically and Bacteriologically at least twice a year.
- (iii) No plumbo-solvent action.
- (iv) No action required.
- (v) (a) 100 per cent. supplied direct to the houses.

3. (iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Tabular Statement furnished by the Sanitary Inspector under Article 27 (18) of the Sanitary Officers (outside London) Regulations, 1935.

House to House inspections	...	...	...	110
Inspections under the Housing Acts	...	...	...	20
Inspections of nuisances discovered	...	...	...	30
Re-inspections to ascertain progress of Sanitary & Formal Orders	...	...	...	30
Visits in connection with Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	10
Inspections of Dairies, Milkshops and Cowsheds	...	...	...	5
Inspections under Workshop and Factory Act	...	...	...	30
Re inspections	...	...	...	10
Inspections of Tenements	...	...	...	5
Inspections of Foodshops (other than Dairies and Bakehouses)	...	...	...	150
Premises disinfected	...	...	...	6
Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	10
Drainage systems tested	...	...	...	3
Committee Meetings attended	...	...	...	7
Preliminary Notices served	...	...	...	0
Legal Proceedings taken	...	...	...	0
Premises found defective by House to House Inspection	...	...	...	20
" " " Workshop	...	...	...	1
" " " Tenement	...	...	...	2
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	0

Salvage.

The collection of salvage has continued steadily throughout the year, the total collected, whilst being satisfactory, is lower than previous years, the total value being £403 0s. 0d.

House Refuse Collection.

The collection of refuse from householders and Military billets has been made regularly each week throughout the year.

Difficulty was encountered in the Disposal of the Refuse, and complaints from the inhabitants in the Wyndham Park area are received regularly.

The repair and bringing into service of the refuse destructor is one of the major points requiring attention.

Sewers and Sewage Disposal.

The question of sewerage is another major point which should receive the Council's attention, and some form of storm water overflow to a special system of storm water sewers should be instituted.

SECTION D.—HOUSING.

This question, like most other districts, is the most serious question in the district, and a serious housing shortage now faces this district. I agree with the estimate that the minimum number of houses which should be provided is 250.

A number of existing houses in the Town should be dealt with as clearance areas, and this problem should be faced when provision of new houses makes this possible.

SECTION F.—PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

GENERAL. Number of Diseases notified (civilians only).

Scarlet Fever	...	3 cases.
Whooping-cough	...	3 „
Measles	...	14 „
Pneumonia	...	2 „
Chickenpox	...	1 „
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	„
Erysipelas	...	1 „

During the year I have received 20 Reports on Swabbing for Diphtheria, one from the Norfolk Public Health Laboratory and 19 from the Emergency Public Health Laboratory Service, City Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich.

Notified Diseases during the Year.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	3	3	0

Age Groups.

Scarlet Fever	...	...	5—10 two, 15—20 one.
Whooping-cough	...	...	5—10 three.
Measles	...	1—2 one, 2—3 two, 3—5 one, 5—10 ten.	
Pneumonia	...	...	45—50 one, 65 and over one.
Chicken-pox	...	...	20—35 one.
Erysipelas	...	...	65 and over one.

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

I. Immunisation in relation to child population.

Number of Children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1945.

Age at								Total
31.12.45, i.e.	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5—9	10—14	under 15
Born in year	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1936—1940	1931—1935	
No. Immunised	0	20	15	26	28	126	130	345
Estimated mid-year								
Population 1945	304					442		

II. Diphtheria Notifications and deaths in relation to Immunisation.

Notifications, Nil.

Deaths, Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases and Mortality during 1945.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
15—20	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
20—35	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0

Fatal case notified.

In conclusion I have to thank Mr. J. A. Haigh for his kind assistance in compiling this Report.

I am, Miss Harbord and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. C. M. COLVIN-SMITH,

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Medical Officer of Health.

